## What is the All Course Network (ACN)?

The ACN is part of PrepareRI, a statewide initiative to build career pathways for all Rhode Island youth. It is designed to help districts and schools offer their students a wide range of academic and enrichment opportunities outside of the traditional school day - at no cost to students and families.

# What grades and districts are eligible to enroll in ACN courses?

RIDE recently received a federal grant and is significantly expanding seats available on the ACN for the Spring 2021 semester. **The ACN now includes all RI public school students enrolled in Kindergarten through Grade 12.** 

All RI districts participate in the ACN. To discuss the ACN with someone at your school, contact school counselors (middle and high school students) or school principals (elementary school students).

#### Why is the ACN an important resource for RI students?

Supplemental coursework through the ACN helps students get a head start on college and careers, develop social and emotional skills, explore interests, master the skills required of a lifelong learner, and have fun with other students. The ACN is for all RI students and no matter your goals, there is something for everyone on the ACN!

### What types of courses are offered on the ACN?

Courses are offered fully online, online and in person (hybrid) or fully in person\*. The ACN offers five course types:

- Work-Based Learning These courses assist students in accomplishing deep learning in a chosen area of interest and allow students to explore future career pathways, for high school credit.
- Advanced Placement (AP) AP courses are developed and approved by the College Board and offer students the opportunity to earn college credit through an end of course exam.
- Dual Enrollment These courses are offered by colleges to allow students to explore college level coursework and college
  communities to determine their interest in possible postsecondary education paths. College and high school credit is
  offered for these courses.
- Career Credential These courses assist students in accomplishing deep learning in a chosen area of interest and prepare them for employment or further education in a career path, while earning an industry-recognized credential and high school credit.
- **Enrichment** Enrichment courses are designed to give students the opportunity to try new things and explore and develop interests outside of the classroom. Credits are not earned for these courses.

#### What is the process and timeline for registering for Spring 2021 courses on the ACN using EnrollRI?

- January 5-11 Condensed registration window open for ACN courses on the new EnrollRI platform. All students must be
  approved by their schools to enroll in an ACN course. Enrollment is first come, first served for approved students, until the
  class is full. High school students and parents/guardians of elementary and middle school students should visit
  EnrollRI.org/ACN to create an account and register today.
- January 11 First day that Spring 2021 courses may begin. Course start dates and registration deadlines vary. Each AP, dual enrollment, work-based learning and career credential course has a two-week add/drop window that starts the first day the class meets. Registration for enrichment classes closes one day prior to the first day the course is held.

For additional information on the ACN and its expansion this year, click <a href="https://here.com/her



<sup>\*</sup>All in-person class meetings will comply with CDC and RIDOH requirements during COVID.